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REF: MONTEVIDEO A-40

1. THE NATIONAL MARINE FISHERIES SERVICE (NMFS), NOAA,

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COMMERCE APPRECIATES FISHERIES REPORTING IN REPAIR. THE

REPORT HAS BEEN EDITED AND AMPLIFIED WITH DATA AVAILABLE IN WASHINGTON FOR PUBLICATION AS A FOREIGN FISHERIES LEAFLET. A DRAFT OF THE EDITED REPORT HAS BEEN POUCHED TO THE EMBASSY FOR REVIEW.

2. NMFS WOULD APPRECIATE ADDITIONAL DATA ON THE FOLLOWING:

A) SOURCE OF RESOURCE STUDY WHICH ESTIMATES A BIOMASS OF 3 MILLION METRIC TONS (T) OF DEMERSAL AND 6 MILLION T OF PELAGIC FISH IN URUGUAYAN WATERS (PAGE 2 OF ENCLOSURE TO REPAIR). ESTIMATES OF THE MAXIMUM SUSTAINABLE YIELDS WOULD ALSO BE OF INTEREST.

B) SOURCE OF THE PROJECTED FISHERIES CATCH OF 200,000 T BY 1980 OR 763 PERCENT OVER THE 26,200 TONS CAUGHT IN 1975 (PAGES 2 AND 5 OF ENCLOSURES TO REPAIR). SUCH CATCH INCREASES APPEAR EXCESSIVELY AMBITIOUS; DOES EMBASSY EXPECT THE PROJECTION TO BE REALIZED?

C) NMFS NOTED IN FAO STATISTICS THAT THE URUGUAYAN HAKE CATCH DECLINED FROM 8,500 T IN 1972 TO 1,500 T IN 1974. DOES EMBASSY HAVE 1975 CATCH DATA? WHAT HAS CAUSED THIS DECLINE? IS IT CONTINUING?

D) DO THE FISHING FLEETS OF ANY OTHER COUNTRY, BESIDES TAIWAN (PAGE 6 OF ENCLOSURE OF REPAIR) USE MONTEVIDEO AS A BASE FOR FISHING OPERATIONS IN WATERS BEYOND URUGUAY'S CLAIMED 200-MILE LIMIT.

E) NMFS NOTED THAT AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN ARGENTINA AND URUGUAY (NAVITECNICA, FEBRUARY, 1976 P. 13) PERMITS RECIPROCAL FISHING IN A "ZONA COMUN". NMFS WOULD APPRECIATE THE EXACT DESCRIPTION OF THE "ZONA COMUN".

F) IF READILY AVAILABLE, A CHART OF THE CURRENT ORGANIZATION OF THE URUGUAYAN FISHERY AGENCIES MENTIONED IN ANNEX B OF REF AIRGRAM.

3. A FEW BLACK AND WHITE GLOSSY PHOTOGRAPHS OF FISHERMEN, VESSELS, PROCESSING PLANTS, ETC. WOULD BE A NICE ADDITION
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